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The educational systems of the European Community Member States vary considerably and comprise a wealth of information about innovations in these nations. Tables on the employment and status of teachers in state schools in the European Community were compiled at the request of the Commission of the European Communities. The information collected for each nation is recruitment on the basis of educational degree, probation period, recognition as teacher, nominated into post, employer, civil servant status, and nationality restriction. (BZ)

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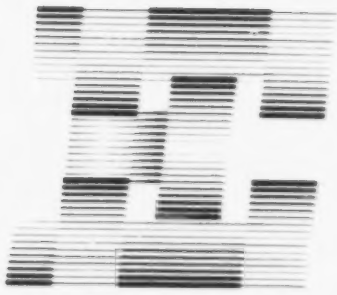

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FOREWORD

The EURYDICE European Unit initially undertook to compile this document, comprising tables on the employment and status of teachers in State schools in the European Community, at the request of the Commission of the European Communities.

The tables were compiled on the basis of information supplied to the EURYDICE European Unit by the EURYDICE National Units, and have been validated by the competent national authorities.

All twelve Member States of the Community are dealt with in a similar way in order to facilitate comparison between them, if desired.

The document is part of a growing fund of information and work at Community level on the training and conditions of service of teachers and the quality of education.

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EMPLOYMENT AND STATUS OF TEACHERS IN STATE SCHOOLS

Member State	Recruitment on the basis of	Probation period	Recognition as teacher by	Nominated into post by	Employer	Civil Servant Status	Nationality restriction
Belgium	Diploma (National official announcement in June each year)	Minimum 240 days	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	No	Yes
Federal Republic of Germany	Land competition	Tenure of office of probational status 2½-3 years	Ministry of Education	Land Ministry of Education	Land Ministry of Education	Yes	Yes
Denmark	Diploma		Ministry of Education	Municipality	School management board	Yes	Yes
Greece	Diploma		Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes	Yes
Spain	Diploma (+ National competition)		Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes (contracted employee in private schools)	Yes
France	Diplomas + National or Departmental competition	1-2 years	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes (contracted employee in private schools)	Yes
Ireland	Diploma	At least 1 year	Department of Education(Primary and Vocational Schools), Registration Council Secondary,Comprehensive and Community Schools)	School Management board	School Management board	No	No, but need oral Irish

Member State	Recruitment on the basis of	Probation period	Recognition as teacher by	Nominated into post by	Employer	Civil Servant Status	Nationality restriction
Italy	National competition (concorso) + resulting certificate (abilitazione)	1 year practical training "in ruolo" after national competition	Assessment committee/ Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes (contracted employee in private schools)	Yes
Luxembourg	Diploma (university degree)		Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	Diploma + national competition	1 year with the possibility of prolongation of another year	Registration with National Inspectorate	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes	No
Portugal	Diploma	2 years probationary period in school including in-service training (since 1980-81)	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education	Yes	Yes
United Kingdom	Diploma	1 year for UK trained 2 years for others	Secretary of State for Education	Local Education Authority	Local Education Authority	No	No
Scotland	Appropriate teaching qualification	2 years	Admission to the Register of the General Teaching Council for Scotland	Local Education Authority	Local Education Authority	No	No

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Educational cooperation in the Community

The educational systems in Community countries vary considerably and this variety, which is the result of historic and cultural factors, itself constitutes a great wealth which should be preserved.
On the other hand it is in the interest of everyone to draw benefit from the experiences and projects of partner countries within the Community.

Educational policy makers in the European Community have long been aware of the value of information concerning innovations and changes introduced in other Member States in order that their own decisions might be well founded on the knowledge of alternative possibilities of practice, and the Member States agreed to promote close cooperation in the field of education at Community level.

In February 1976 the Council of the European Communities and the Ministers of Education adopted an action programme in the field of education. They agreed among other things to set up an information network in order to increase and improve the circulation of information in the area of education policy*.
This information network, known as EURYDICE, is designed therefore to underpin the developing programme of educational cooperation within the European Community.

The Education Committee of the European Community, which has the task of coordinating and monitoring the action programme, recommended that the use of Eurydice should in the first phase be limited to those in policy making positions. The Education Committee consists of representatives of the Member States and of the Commission.

In accordance with their own distinctive education structures, each Member State has designated at least one National Unit to participate in the network and the Commission of the European Communities has arranged with the European Cultural Foundation the establishment of the Eurydice European Unit, which is part of the network and assists the Commission's Education Service.
Eurydice is based on the mutual cooperation of the National Units and the European Unit. In addition the latter coordinates and animates the network.

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